# Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II ● The Ninth Day of Christmas ● January 2, 2008

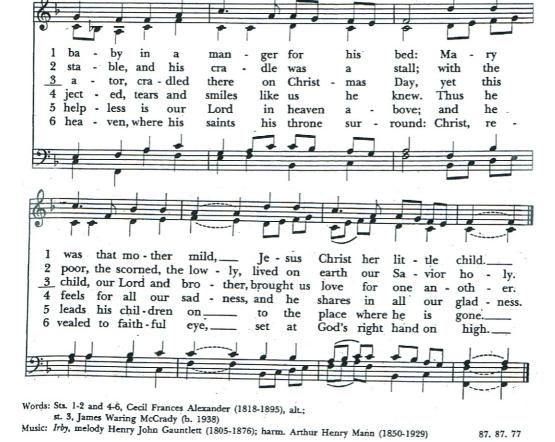
# **Preparation for Worship**

"Lord Let Your Glory Fall"

Greetings from the President of the Institute for Worship Studies, Dr. James R. Hart

# The Word of the Lord





The People standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People pray together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** 

# "Glory to God, Glory in the Highest"

Gloria













WORDS: Traditional MUSIC: Lima, Peru, 1982

This song should be sung as a call and response, with the congregation repeating each line after the leader.

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## The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**The Lessons** The People sit as the appointed lessons are read.

First Lesson Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 84 Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \* by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \* and look upon the face of your A nointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \* and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \* he will give grace and glory.

11 No good thing will the Lord with hold \* from those who walk with in tegrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, \*
happy are they who put their trust in you!

(Bowing)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\*

(Rising) as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A men.

#### Second Lesson

Ephesians 4: 1-8, 11-16

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

# The Gospel Hymn

# Celtic Alleluia





Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

# The Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Celtic Alleluia

The Sermon

"On Not Limiting God with Words"

Mr. Greg Wilde IWS Professor

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

After each petition a period of silence is kept. Thereafter, the Leader and People pray responsively using the following form:

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy *People:* Hear our prayer.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence* 

Let us pray for the church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal you glory in the world. *Silence* 

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence* 

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence* 

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence* 

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Silence

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

#### **INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him. Leader:

> who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God. we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

*Leader to people:* 

Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:* 

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!* 

*Leader and people:* 

Glory to God. Amen.

#### The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. People

#### **Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

## The Offertory

Tonight's offering will benefit the ongoing ministry of the Institute for Worship Studies. Checks should be made payable to the Institute for Worship Studies

"Poor Little Jesus" Anthem American Spiritual Choir arr. Alan Raines

The Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

The People stand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Celebrant: Dr. Lester Ruth

### The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. People Lift up your hearts. Celebrant We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. People

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.

You made us in your image: and though we all have sinned and fallen short of your glory, you loved the world so much you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

Therefore, with the angels who sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, singing:

Sanctus Music by Peter Scholtes

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna, in the Highest

Hosanna! Hosanna, in the Highest!

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Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so from suffering and death you raised him to bring us life.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so on the night he offered himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer in union with Christ's sacrifice for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith...

#### The Acclamation

Celebrant and People together:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ; be one body in him, cleansed by his blood; faithfully serve him in the world; and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN** 

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray

Eric Wyse

# The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)



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# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body,

for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The celebrant lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei

Words: traditional Music: Jim Hart

O LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: HAVE MERCY ON US.

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O LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: GRANT US
PEACE. GRANT US PEACE.

# The Communion of the People

Visitors who have been baptized, who know Christ to be their Savior, and who would be welcome to receive Communion in their home church, are welcome at the Lord's Table in this church. **Children** whose parents do not want them to receive Communion, or others who do not wish to do so, are encouraged to come forward, cross their arms across their chests, and receive a prayer of blessing.

#### Communion Music

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

"Kindness"

"Jesus Paid It All"

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

# The Prayer of Discipleship

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful

witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

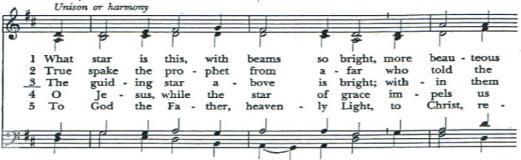
## The Blessing

## The Priest blesses the People.

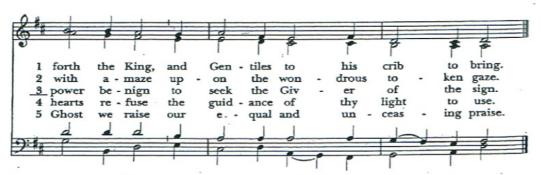
**Processional Hymn** 

"What Star Is This with Beams So Bright"

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Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902

The people are dismissed with this charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

People

#### **Postlude**



We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to
The Rev'd Dr. Tim Roberts, Pastor, Orange Park Presbyterian Church
and the people of Orange Park Presbyterian Church for their assistance with this service,
The Rev'd Canon Kurt Dunkle, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, for graciously hosting IWS
The Rev'd Mark Becker, Pastor, Orange Park United Methodist Church
The Rev'd Dr. Jon Shuler, Rector, New Grace Church
and the people and choir of New Grace Church for their assistance in this service.

We would also like to thank all of our host families for welcoming our students into their homes during this week. Your hospitality blesses us immeasurably.

You are invited to a reception in honor of the IWS Faculty, Staff, Board and Students in Benedict Hall, Grace Episcopal Church immediately following the service.